

wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands, and is paid according to a predetermined Bonus Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands;

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- (g) settling each Player's side-bet wager or wagers against the Banker;
 - (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any; wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush; wherein each Player's hand is settled with the Banker's according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules; and
 - (i) settling each Player's Poker Bet wager against the Banker.
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NOTICE OF A PRIOR PATENT

In accordance with MPEP 2001.06 (b), I would like to bring to the Examiner's attention a prior patent of mine: US 6,402,147 B1, issued on June 11, 2002. Its application number is 09/315,295.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over the claims of copending Applications Nos. 09/823,569, 09/823,689, 09/823,570 and 09/823,572.

If the Examiner request, I would file either a Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent or a Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over A Pending Second Application, whichever the Examiner requires, to overcome this Double Patenting Rejection.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10,13, and 16-20 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are pending in this case.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the following limitations to:

- “(a) providing.....one Joker, wherein each said Joker may be used as any card;**
- (b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet and seven side bets:**
 - Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;**
- (f) determining....., if any;**
 - wherein a Player's Specified Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Specified Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
 - wherein a Player's Two Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Two Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
 - wherein a Player's 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
 - wherein a Player's Straight Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Straight Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
 - wherein a Player's Flush Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Flush Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
 - wherein a Player's Full House Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Full House Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
 - wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands, and is paid according to a predetermined Bonus Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands;
- (h) settling each Player's side-bet wager or wagers against the Bank;**

- (i) **determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any;**
wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card;
wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2;
wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;
wherein each Player's hand is settled with the Banker's according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules; and"

Claim 2 has been amended to a full independent claim, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus two Jokers.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, and 16-19 have been amended to disclose that the method of playing a card game according to claim 2, instead of according to claim 1.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the following limitations to:

"(b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet and seven side bets: Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;

(f) determining....., if any;

wherein a Player's Specified Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Specified Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's Two Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Two Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's Straight Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush

- 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Straight Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
- wherein a Player's Flush Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Flush Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
- wherein a Player's Full House Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Full House Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
- wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands, and is paid according to a predetermined Bonus Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands;
- (j) settling each Player's side-bet wager or wagers against the Banker;**
- (k) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any;**
- wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card;
- wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2;
- wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;
- wherein each Player's hand is settled with the Banker's according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules; and"

In the Office Action, claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb in view of Kadlic and further in view of Lo (a prior patent of mine, 5,863,042). Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. This rejection is respectfully traversed, as applied to the amended claims.

Regarding claims 1 & 4-20

In view of Webb (Patent #6,012,720): The detailed comparison between Webb and my present invention are as follows:

My invention

1. My invention teaches a card game with a plurality of players.
2. My invention teaches providing and shuffling at least one standard deck of cards plus at least one Joker.
3. My invention teaches each player placing at least one of eight bets: Poker Bet playing against the dealer's hand, and one to seven side bets betting on the value of the player's own hand.
4. My invention teaches dealing only six-card hands to players and the dealer; every player and the dealer each then selects and keeps his or her best 5-card poker hand and discard one card from his or her own six cards. In my invention only each player's 5-card poker hand plays. Selecting a 5-card poker hand from six dealt cards is simple and requires no kill, no player optimum strategy.
5. My invention teaches resolving a Poker Bet wager by using a Predetermined Poker Bet rules, wherein to wins a Poker Bet wager a player's best 5-card card poker hand must rank higher than the dealer's.
6. My invention teaches resolving a side-bet wager by using a predetermined rules, wherein if th player's hand is one of the

Webb

1. Webb teaches a card game with a plurality of players.
2. Webb teaches providing and shuffling just at least one standard deck of cards.
3. Webb teaches each player placing at least one of two bets: Double Hand bet against the dealer's hand. and Copy Hand bet betting on that the player and the dealer have a same ranking hand.
4. Webb teaches dealing six-card hands to players and dealer, plus a community Wild indicia; every player and the dealer each then arranges his or her six cards and the Wild indicia into one 5-card High hand and one 2-card Low hand, wherein the High hand must rank higher than the Low hand. Webb actually teaches a seven-card stud game. Arranging seven dealt cards into two hands requires skill and a player optimum strategy and is time consuming. Hands not set according to a player optimum strategy, the player's odds would fall behind the game design odds.
5. Webb teaches resolving a Double Hand wager by using a predetermined Double Hand rules, wherein to wins a Double Hand wager both of a player's High and Low hands must rank high than the dealer's respective High and Low hands.
6. Webb teaches resolving a Copy Hand wager by using a predetermined rules, wherein if a player and the dealer have a copy hand (a same ranking hand), th

predetermined winning hands, the player's wager wins and is paid according to a predetermined pay table for said side bet.

player's Copy Hand wager wins and is paid according to a predetermined Copy Hand bet pay table.

From the detailed comparison between Webb and my novel game above, both games teach a card game with a plurality of players and providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of cards and, except that Webb teaches only one wild indicia, which is not shuffled and is shared by every player and the dealer; while my invention teaches at least one but preferable two Jokers, which is always shuffled and is not shared by every player and dealer.

Although both teach after each player placing at least one bet, every player and the dealer each is dealt six cards, however, Webb includes one community wild indicia making the game plays with only seven-card hands, not six-card hands, and Webb teaches arranging each seven-card hand into two hands, a five-card High hand and a two-card Low hand; while my novel game teaches to select and keep the best five-card poker hand and discard one card, making the game plays with only five-card hands, not six-card hands. Further, both teach resolving games and wagers in different ways as follows:

- Webb teaches that a player's Double Hand wager wins if the High and Low hands of the player beats the respective High and Low hands of the dealer, and the player's wager is paid 1 to 1; the player's Double Hand wager pushes if the player wins one hand and loses the other; the player's Double Hand wager loses if both of the player's High and Low hands ranks lower than both of the dealer's respective High and Low hands. In addition, Webb teaches that a player's Copy Hand wager wins if the High and Low hands of the player and the respective High and Low hands of the dealer rank the same or have a same ranking hand (including Low Copy, High Copy and Double Copy), and the wager is paid according to a predetermined Copy Hand pay table. Webb's Copy Hand wager has something to do with the dealer's hand.
- Unlike Webb, my Poker Bet is played with only one hand best 5-card poker hand selected from each player's six dealt cards according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules, which is far different than the predetermined Double Hand Bet rules of Webb. My novel game teaches that a player's wager wins if the player's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined winning hands (which may include specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind and Royal Flush), regardless of the dealer's hand; and the player's wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table of the bet the Player wagers on, which is largely different from Webb.

According to the analysis and arguments above, it is obvious that Webb fails to teach the character and nature recited in my present invention. It is respectfully requested that this rejection under U.S.C. 103(a) over Webb be removed.

In view of Kaddic:

Kaddic teaches discarding no card, one card, or up to the whole seven dealt cards and then replacing the discard(s) from the rest of the original 106 cards deck in a video poker game, and this process requires skill. While my invention teaches always discarding one card from each six dealt cards and do not have to replace it, and this process requires 'no' skill. It is obvious that Kaddic's teaching does not fit into my novel invention.

Accordingly my present invention, as now claimed, is neither shown nor suggested by Kaddic. It is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kaddic be removed.

In view of Lo (a prior patent of mine, 5,863,042):

My prior patent teaches a method of playing a card game with at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards; while my present invention teaches at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one but preferably two Jokers. After placing at least one wager of Primary wager playing against the dealer's hand and four Secondary wagers betting on the value of the player's own hand, each player and the dealer each is dealt five cards, each player and the dealer then arrange their five cards into two hands, three card High hand and two card Low hand according to a player optimum strategy; while in my present invention, after placing at least one wager of Poker Bet playing against the dealer's hand and seven side bets betting on the value of the player's own hand, every player and the dealer each is dealt six cards, each player and the dealer then select and keep their best 5-card poker hand and discard one card from their own six dealt cards, and selecting a best 5-card poker hand is simple and requires no skill and no player optimum strategy.

In my prior patent, to win a Primary wager, a player's High and Low hands must ranks higher than the dealer respective High and Low hands according to a unique rankings as follows: 3 of a Kind, One Pair and Point Value (Point Value 9 is highest, following by Point Value 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and 0). In my present invention, to win a Poker Bet wager, a player's best 5-card poker hand must rank higher than the dealer's best 5-card poker hand according to conventional poker rankings: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card.

In my prior patent, to win a Secondary wager, a player's 5-card hand must be one of the predetermined winning hands, which are based on partial conventional poker rankings, including One Pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Full House and 4 of a Kind. While my present invention, to win a side bet, a player's best 5-card poker hand selected from the player's six dealt cards is one of the predetermined winning hands, which are fully based on conventional poker ranking hands. Furthermor , in my prior patent, a Secondary winning

wager is paid according to a predetermined Secondary wager pay table, which is largely different from a predetermined side bet pay table of my present invention.

Accordingly my present invention, as amended, is neither shown nor suggested by the prior art of my prior patent. It is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over my prior patent be removed.

My present application, as amended, teaches a method of playing a card game, which is novel and clearly defined over the prior art of record. It is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Webb in view of Kadlic and further in view of my prior patent be removed.

Regarding claim 2, 3 & 21

Webb teaches the use of a standard poker deck of cards plus one community wild indicia, which could be a Joker; in Webb every player and the dealer always shares the same wild indicia. While my invention teaches the use of a standard poker deck of cards plus at least one but preferably two Jokers; in my invention, every player and the dealer do not share any wild indicia or a Joker and for this reason, some players, including the dealer, might have at least one Joker while others might have no Joker in their hand, or vice versa.

Often, one or more Jokers are intentionally used to enhance the excitement of a particular game. Adding the same number of Jokers to two particular games does not necessarily make the games identical. However, In some cases, adding one or more Jokers to a particular game could produce more disadvantages than advantages. Such as a game that sits a plurality of players and provides and play with at least one standard poker deck of cards plus at least one Joker, and deals each player nine or more cards. "The game sounds fun to play. But, I must tell you that it is impossible for any game analyst to figure its true odd, viable pay table and house advantage," said Stanley Ko, who is one of the most reliable game analysts in the United States. Another disadvantage is that since a game that includes Joker(s) would create an astronomical number of possible combinations of five-card hands, a lot more combination of hands than a game that does not include Joker(s), thus, it would be time consuming for players to select their best 5-card poker hands from their nine or more dealt cards; therefore the use of Jokers would slow down the game. The worst case is that a game requires a player's hand playing against the dealer's hand in a casino setting, because Jokers are the key determining factor of winning a hand, players would constantly worry the dealer having Joker(s), and this would make the game less enjoyable to play.

Accordingly, there is no prior art suggestion that the cited references be reconstructed to provide a game, which has the character and nature recited in my amended claims.

Regarding the prior art made of record in Wisted (415) & (524), Goldman, Miller, Marquez, English, Breeding, and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclose:

When we mention a casino card game, we will automatically think of use of a standard poker deck of cards, one or more individual cards with or without one or more community cards, one or more players and a dealer, a playing table, wagering placement areas, wagering requirement and option, use of conventional poker rankings, etc. Many established casino games comprise these similar said components and elements, but they are considered as disparate games and named differently, because they are designed with different rules of play and different ways of settling a wager or wagers. As a result, the popular casino games--Caribbean Stud (Patent #4,836,553 & #4,861,041), Let It Ride (Patent #5,288,081 & #5,437,462), and Boston 5 Stud Poker (Patent #5,762,340 & 5,951,012)--played with different rules of play and different ways of settling a wager or wagers all have been patented, even though their similarities include played with one standard poker of 52 cards, five cards each hand, one or more players and a dealer, a playing table, wagering placement areas, wagering requirement and option, use of conventional poker rankings.

CONCLUSION

My present invention, which is, simple ^{skill} (no skill required), fast paced, yet exciting to play (providing more Jokers plus the chance of discarding the lowest card from six dealt cards), is novel and clearly defined over the prior art of Webb, Kadlic and my cited prior patent. I believe that the foregoing Remarks are a complete response to the Office Action and place the instant application in condition for allowance. I cordially invite the Examiner to contact me for a telephone interview regarding this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS
WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:
- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker; wherein each said Joker may be used as any card;
 - (b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet, and seven side bets: Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;
 - (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of six cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
 - (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
 - (e) ~~from their own six-card dealt hand~~ cards, each Player and the Banker each selecting and keeping his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding one other card;
 - (f) determining whether each Player's side-bet wager or wagers win or lose, if any; wherein a Player's Specified Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Specified Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
wherein a Player's Two Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Two Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
wherein a Player's 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
wherein a Player's Straight Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Straight Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
wherein a Player's Flush Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, 5 of a Kind or

- Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Flush Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
wherein a Player's Full House Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Full House Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;
wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands, and is paid according to a predetermined Bonus Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands;
- (g) settling ~~any side bet wagers of each Player~~ Player's side-bet wager or wagers against the Banker;**
- ~~(h) comparing each Player's best 5 card poker hand to the Banker's best 5 card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;~~**
- ~~(i) (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any; wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush; wherein each Player's hand is settled with the Banker's according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules; and~~**
- (i) settling each Player's Poker Bet wager against the Banker.**

2. ~~The A method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus two Jokers,~~ among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus two Jokers;**
(b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet and seven side bets: Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;

- (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of six cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) from their own six dealt cards, each Player and the Banker each selecting and keeping his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding one other card;
- (f) determining whether each Player's side-bet wager or wagers win or lose, if any;
- (g) settling each Player's side-bet wager or wagers against the Banker;
- (h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any;
wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card;
wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2;
wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;
wherein each Player's hand is settled with the Banker's according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules; and
- (i) settling each Player's Poker Bet wager against the Banker.

3. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein each Joker may be used as any card.

4. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Specified Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

6. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Two Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

8. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

10. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Straight Or Better Bet wager wins if a Player's best 5-card poker hand is Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

13. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Flush Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands.

16. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, less a certain percent commission.

17. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's best 5-card poker hand, the Player's Poker Bet wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's best 5-card poker hand, this wager wins and either is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1, if the Banker's losing hand is not one of the predetermined hands that pays the Player's winning hand one half of the wager, or is paid one half of the wager, namely 1 to 2, if the Banker's losing hand is one of the predetermined hands that pays the Player winning hand one half of the wager.

18. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' one of predetermined qualifying hands, the Player's Poker Bet wager ~~is a tie~~ pushes. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

19. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4 2, wherein a Player's Poker Bet wager is settled against the Banker as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' one of pr det rmined qualifying hands, this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager. If the Play r's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than th

Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks the same as the Banker's, and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, then the two hands tie and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is one of the predetermined qualifying hands, this wager wins and is paid Even Money, namely 1 to 1.

20. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52, wherein either all Twos, all Threes, all Fours, all Fives, all Sixes, all Sevens, all Eights, all Nines, all Tens, all Jacks, all Queens, all Kings, or all Aces are Wild Cards;
- (b) each Player placing at least one wager of Poker Bet, and seven side bets: Specified Pair Or Better Bet, Two Pair Or Better Bet, 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet, Straight Or Better Bet, Flush Or Better Bet, Full House Or Better Bet and Bonus Bet;
- (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of six cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
- (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;
- (e) from their own ~~six-card dealt hand~~ six cards, each Player and the Banker each selecting and keeping his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding one other card;
- (f) determining whether each Player's side-bet wager or wagers win or lose, if any; wherein a Player's Specified Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is the specified pair, any pair that ranks higher than the specified pair, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Specified Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands; wherein a Player's Two Pair Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Two Pair Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands; wherein a Player's 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined 3 Of A Kind Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's Straight Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Straight Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's Flush Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Flush Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's Full House Or Better Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and is paid according to a predetermined Full House Or Better Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the aforesaid winning hands;

wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands, and is paid according to a predetermined Bonus Bet pay table; and the Player's wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the predetermined Bonus Bet winning hands;

(g) settling ~~any side bet wagers of each Player~~ Player's side-bet wager or wagers against the Banker;

~~comparing each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game, wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;~~

(h) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, if any;

wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's best 5-card poker hand according to the rankings selected for the Poker Bet game,

wherein hands are ranked in descending order as follows: Royal Flush, 5 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card;

wherein Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2;

wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight and that when it is suited, A2345 is the lowest Straight Flush;

wherein each Player's hand is settled with the Banker's according to a predetermined Poker Bet rules; and

(j) settling each Player's Poker Bet wager against the Banker.